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PROPOSED FINAL DOCUMENT LANGUAGE RELATING TO THE CONDITIONS OF NUCLEAR SUPPLY (FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS) AND THE CONCLUSION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

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The Conference urges all non-nuclear-weapon States which have not already done so to make an international legally-binding commitment not to acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and to accept IAEA safeguards on all their peaceful nuclear activities, both current and future, to verify that commitment. The Conference further urges nuclear supplier States to require henceforth as a necessary condition for the transfer of relevant nuclear supplies to non-nuclear-weapon States under new supply arrangements, such a commitment and acceptance of such safeguards. The Conference expresses its view that accession to the Treaty is the best way to achieve these objectives. The Conference stresses that the application of such safeguards in additional States should not diminish resources for the IAEA's promotional programmes in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

The Conference notes with satisfaction that eight States have concluded safeguards agreements in compliance with Article III (4) of the Treaty since 1985. It expresses concern, however, that 51 States Parties to the Treaty have yet to conclude their agreements and urges that they do so as soon

as possible. It is its view that the Treaty requirement for the timely conclusion of an NPT-type safeguards agreement is particularly important in States whose nuclear activities make such safeguards applicable.

The Conference also recommends that the Director General of the IAEA as a matter of priority further facilitiate the conclusion of such agreements and that Parties to the Treaty, in particular the Depositary Parties, should actively support this activity. The Conference notes that in the case of States without significant nuclear activities, conclusion of safeguards agreements involves simplified procedures.